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Beerzheba	23	18-25	26
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## SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL

Mrs. Nina Katir, wife of the President, yesterday received Princess Prem Purachatra of Thailand, the World President of the International Council of Women, and Mrs. Khunying Sumalee Charkitavani, President of the National Council of Women of Thailand and Chairman of the Thai-Israel Friendship Group, together with Mrs. Channi Bergmann, Chairman of the Council of Women's Organizations in Israel. Mrs. Katir also yesterday launched the activities to be held in connection with Children's Week, 1978, when she entertained to tea wives of members of the Diplomatic Corps and enlisted their help.

African and Asian delegates to the international seminar on community work, now taking place in Haifa, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Shoshana Arbel-Almozino, who entertained the delegates to luncheon.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Panama, Ello V. Ortiz, yesterday paid a farewell visit to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. On Monday, Mayor Kollek presented Mrs. Aya Dinstein, outgoing chairman of the World Wizo Executive, with the Jerusalem Medal in appreciation of her services to the city, at a farewell reception given by Jerusalem Wizo.

Rabbi Rubin Dobin, international chairman of "Operation Recognition," will speak on the recognition of Magen David Adom by the International Red Cross, at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nov Hotel, at 1 o'clock today.

Dr. Amram Miller will speak on the aborigines of Australia at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 o'clock today, at the YMCA.

Dr. Martin Hart of Detroit, Michigan, outgoing chairman of the IAN University, where he was received by its President, Prof. Emmanuel Rackman. Dr. Hart was shown round the Department of Life Sciences and the Response Project. (Communicated).

## ARRIVALS

Sir John Keadrew, Nobel Laureate, for a meeting of the Weizmann Institute's Board of Governors, being held next week in Rehovot.

## DEPARTURES

Yitzhak Moda'i, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, for the U.S. on an Israeli Bonds mission.

Dr. Maurice A. Jaffe, Executive Chairman of Hechal Shlomo and President of the Union of Israel Synagogues, for the U.S. and Europe to organize the Fourth World Conference of Synagogues and Kibbutz.

## Austrian minister here for five-day visit

BEN GURION AIRPORT (Jtm). — Austria's Minister of Commerce and Industry Josef Starbacher, said on his arrival here yesterday that Austria has decided to purchase 10 F-4 Phantom fighter planes from Israel. Austria's new Minister of Defence has his views of the country's defence needs, he said, and added that he has no power to influence the matter.

He was met at the airport by Minister of Industry and Commerce Yigal Hurvitz, with whom he will hold talks on political and industrial ties between the two countries.

## Johanna Rosa Roet-Prins

The funeral will leave from the municipal funeral parlour at 5 Rehov Daphna today, October 26, 1977 at 3 p.m. for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Joseph, Avraham and Norma, Aharon, Haim and Naomi and grandchildren; Vardit, Ran, Shlomo, David, Asaf, Avigail, Yoav and family.

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The Family

# 'Holocaust debunkers aiming at Israel's right to exist'

## Knesset will debate anti-Semitism

By MOSHE KOHN  
Post Knesset Reporter

With the agreement of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, the Knesset yesterday, without opposition, decided to hold a full-dress debate on the rising tide of anti-Semitic manifestations throughout the world, and in Germany in particular.

Dayan announced his agreement to such a debate in his reply to three urgent motions by Chalkie Grossman (Alignment), Assaf Yaguri (Democratic Movement for Change), and Hillel Seidel (Likud).

Grossman spoke of the Foreign Ministry's "inaction" in the face of the growing number of books (she enumerated 70), many of them purported scholarly works by university teachers, "proving" that the Holocaust never happened but had been invented by the Jews with the purpose of extorting support for Israel by making the world feel guilty. The ultimate aim of the Holocaust-debunkers, she said, was

to deprive Israel of any moral justification to exist. Instead of occupying ourselves with efforts to merge Holocaust Remembrance Day observances with those of Tisha Be'av, she said, we should mobilize all our resources in an effort to rouse the world against this rehabilitation of Hitler and Nazism.

As Grossman made her way back to her seat from the podium, Prime Minister Menachem Begin rose towards her and gripped her hand warmly.

Yaguri dwelt on the recent incident at the military academy in Munich, where a group of cadets lit a bonfire and threw into it slaps of paper with "Jew" written on them. In the light of this incident, he said, we should reconsider our relations with West Germany. The German people's sense of guilt for what it did during the Hitler period seems to have waned, and the world should not be surprised if we are still sensitive on the subject.

Yaguri said that as one born and bred in this country (Grossman and Seidel both are Holocaust survivors and ex-partisans) he too did not wish to forget the Holocaust. The world's silence in the face of the rising tide of anti-Semitism gave cause for concern.

Seidel pointed to examples of anti-Semitic resurgence in various countries, specifically listing Austria, Britain, the U.S., the Soviet Union, Italy, West Germany, and Quebec Province in Canada. He noted the revival of the Nazi "selection principle" in the recent airplane hijackers. The free world, he said, has disgraced itself by remaining silent again, as it did during the Hitler period.

In his reply, Dayan listed the things that Israel and Jewish organizations abroad were doing on the subject, but he welcomed the opportunity to have the Knesset discuss further action.

## Dayan tells Knesset:

## 'Israel moves on terror could backfire'

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday got the Coalition steamroller to strike off the Knesset agenda a motion by Gideon Hauser (Independent Liberals) calling for an Israeli initiative to bring about an international convention against terrorism.

Dayan explained the Government's negative stand on the grounds that international action against terror had not helped much so far, and that in any case Western countries did not want Israel as a co-sponsor.

The Foreign Minister revealed that only yesterday he had told U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis that Israel takes strong objection to the request of the American delegation at the UN that it keep its hands off international initiatives against terror.

He reported that Austrian diplomats at the UN had told Israel it was unwanted as a co-sponsor, because Israel's presence would only raise Arab ire.

Dayan told the Knesset that Israeli involvement in international moves against terrorism would backfire, and that Israel did not need to chalk up such defeats at this time.

Other Knesset factions which had tabled motions like Hauser's had agreed to withdraw them. But Hauser had refused to do so, Dayan complained.

He said that in the past the Arabs had torpedoed most UN initiatives against terror.

Dayan complained that only three of the 46 proposals Israel submitted last year to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to protect civil aviation were accepted.

After the Lufthansa hijacking this month, he said, Israel had again asked the ICAO to summon a conference against hijacking.

Hauser said in his motion that action through the UN was useless. Instead, Israel should work for multilateral and bilateral agreements between nations against terror. These should provide for cooperation in the rescue of hostages and in the arrest of hijackers; exchange of information about terrorist plots; mutual aid between secret services; and denial of aviation rights to countries that harbour terrorists or hijackers.

Shulamit Aloni (CRM), moving that the motion be referred to committee, said that despite Israel's repeated failure to get international action, it should keep trying. But the Coalition majority voted down her motion as well.

## Dayan: Israel won't withdraw army from Jordan, accept PLO

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel cannot accept the idea of a "Palestinian state headed by the PLO" in the West Bank and Israel does not intend to remove its military forces or artillery positions from along the Jordan River, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday.

Dayan, addressing the 24th biennial convention of Women's American ORT at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma, declared: "We are not hardliners. We are responsible people — responsible for the future of the Jewish State."

"We Jews have suffered too many disasters in the course of our history. Sure, it would be very easy now to pack up and withdraw (from the West Bank). In fact, the world would applaud such a move and our friends would commend us. But, unfortunately, we Jews have learned we must depend on our own efforts rather than on our friends."

Israel does not oppose the idea of Palestinian Arabs having their own homeland, the Foreign Minister added. "But you cannot turn back the clock. They could have had a state of their own under the 1947 UN Partition Plan. But they rejected it and we had to go to war."

The reason the PLO is now pushing for a state in the West Bank is that the terrorist organization wants a "springboard from which to launch a war on Israel, so they could get what they are really after: A Palestinian state stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River."

The four-day ORT meeting, which closes tonight, marks the 50th anniversary of the Women's American unit. This is the largest ORT constituent in the worldwide network, with 135,000 members in 1,073 chapters throughout the U.S. Members raise approximately \$3m. a year to support ORT vocational schools throughout the world. Most of the ORT schools are in Israel.

## Knesset makes law of bills on burglary, Civil Defence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset yesterday voted into law a bill tightening civil defence regulations and another expanding the authority of the magistrates courts in dealing with burglary.

The first bill, presented by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig on behalf of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, tightens the provisions of the existing Civil Defence Law about the responsibilities of home owners and tenants in maintaining bomb shelters.

The second bill presented by the chairman of the Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee, David Glass, empowers the magistrates courts to hear trials on charges of burglary, provided that they will not pass sentences of more than three years' imprisonment.

In presenting the second bill, Glass noted that the crimes covered by the bill now constitute more than one third of the criminal proceedings brought before the district courts, as

a result of which it takes an inordinately long time before criminals are brought to justice. About 91 per cent of convictions for breaking and burglary carry sentences of less than three years, the average being one year, although the law permits maximum sentences of 5-7 years.

Glass called for overhauling the courts' structure, and called on the country's judges to deal more severely with the ever-rising tide of crime.

## Bezalel governors to discuss differences

By SUSAN BELLOS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Board of Governors of the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design is to meet this afternoon in Jerusalem to discuss what has been referred to as "washing dirty linen in public."

This is in reaction to the recent publicity in the media over the mounting conflicts between the Fine Arts Department and the Academy's director, Dan Hoffman. The department head, Dedi Ben-Shaul, a Jerusalem artist, accused Hoffman last week both on television and in the press of being "neither an artist nor an educator."

Ben-Shaul, who contends that both painting and painters are being severely discriminated against at Bezalel in favour of design and conceptual art, is going to be asked to apologise for some of his remarks, it is learned.

If Ben-Shaul, who, among other things, described Hoffman as "a big nothing" to the Jerusalem Post, decides not to do so, he may be forced to resign, a Board of Governors source told The Post yesterday.

Ben-Shaul also claims that he has been threatened with being ousted, and that the department will be closed down altogether. These accusations have been discounted by a member of the board.

However, two well-known painters, Shlomo Vitkin and Avraham Otker, have not been required this year and Ben-Shaul claims that this is part of a deliberate policy against figurative painting and the promotion of genuine Israeli art. The board members said that the various departments have different conceptions of Bezalel's role: whether to train painters or create artists.

## Flomin: Subsidies cuts mean only 1½% c-o-l rise

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Finance Minister Yehzekel Flomin said yesterday that the cuts in subsidies on staple commodities planned by the government would cause a rise in the cost of living of one-and-a-half per cent only in 1977, and of two-and-a-half per cent in 1978.

Flomin was replying to three motions for the agenda by opposition factions, all of which were voted down.

Natfali Feder (Alignment) said in his motion that salary earners should get cost of living increase compensation every three months. Charlie Biton (Democratic Front) said the rich do not care about cuts in the subsidies because they dine off "shrimp and smoked salmon" anyway. Meir Pa'il (Sheila) said the Treasury would pay more to bond holders on account of the rise in the index, than it would save from cutting the subsidies.

## Sportoto pools earn IL\$8m.

The Sportoto football pools earned IL\$8,166,000 in the first six months of this year, deputy Finance Minister Yehzekel Flomin told the Knesset yesterday.

Last year it earned more than IL\$147m., he said in reply to a parliamentary question by Shoshana Arbel-Almozino (Alignment).

## Tallest chimney in country 'will ruin skyline'

## Target for new Shaare Zedek: November 1978

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The staff of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday started a year-long countdown that they hope will end in November 1978 with the opening of their new 100,000-square-metre medical centre opposite Mount Herzl.

Batches of Jerusalemites and tourists were led during the day through corridors strewn with building materials and past walls and ceilings gaping with wiring and air ducts.

Although the still-bare interior leaves much to the imagination, various pavilions and wards are already marked with permanent signs in honour of their donors.

Since 1975, over IL\$1m. of the estimated \$42m. cost of the hospital has been collected in individual contributions. The rest comes from Israel Government matching funds, and from U.S. bank loans guaranteed by the government because some of the matching funds have not yet been paid. The U.S. Government has granted \$6m. for a clinic in memory of Emma Lazarus (the American-Jewish poetess) and a nursing school.

The 70-year-old Shaare Zedek building — recognized by the municipality as an official landmark — and a number of pre-fab structures in Jaffa Road will be vacated a year from now. The hospital's directors have still not decided what they will do with the historic edifice, but a day-hospital is one possibility.

The old 280-bed Shaare Zedek has recently been bolstered by extra staff and departments so that the transition and move to the new site will be easier.

"Shaare Zedek has sent a special team to England for several weeks to study the British system of hospital moving," said Paul Wimpfheimer, assistant to the director-general, on a tour for reporters. Designed by architects Brutkus and Schenberger, the Bayit Vegan centre consists of a 10-storey main hospital (three floors built below street level but open to light and air), parking for 500 vehicles, eight smaller buildings connected throughout by interior passages, a



Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Yadin (left) introduces his secretary, Maya Bailey, to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Livni reports on Council of Europe

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Likud MK Eitan Livni said yesterday that Israel must not rely on any particular social, ideological or class groups represented in the Council of Europe, but should maintain contacts with all its members.

Livni was reporting to the plenum on his attendance at the Council of Europe this month, along with Alignment MK Shlomo Hillel, and on their successful efforts to win support for a pro-Israel resolution, countering a hostile resolution sponsored by 21 Socialist parliamentarians from several member-states.

He noted that Israel has many friends among European parliamentarians and plenty of support in European public opinion. But these friends must be looked for and personal contact maintained with them.

Livni and Hillel attended the Council session at Strasbourg for the first time, as observers.

## Siniavsky, in praise of roots

By EMMANUEL FRATT  
Special to Jerusalem Post

"You might find it difficult to strike roots in your new ground — but at least you have the ground to strike roots in," exiled Soviet writer Andrei Siniavsky told some 500 Russian-speaking Israelis at the Hebrew University's Canada Hall yesterday.

"We, on the other hand, live in the air and sort of dream of ourselves," he said, referring to himself and his fellow Soviet exiles now living in the West.

Siniavsky, who is here on a one-month visit as the guest of the Jerusalem Municipality, described the West as "a busy beehive of people with a purposeful life," compared with the Soviet Union, which is

"a tightly tied sack where the disperse to all the winds where are set free."

He expressed his frustration sometimes his amusement, meeting with his compatriot White Russian emigrants in Pa "who don't seem to have realized that the Soviets are in Russia."

"They still think that the Russian continues to believe in and that with a wave of the wand, the Tsarist paradise is restored," he said, to a laughter in the auditorium.

During his stay here, Siniavsky said he has been impressed also by the intertwining of different cultures to produce a single pa

## Chief security officer of Education Ministry: Parents' guard-duty in kindergartens to stop

The Chief Security Officer of the Education Ministry announced yesterday that guard-duty by parents in kindergartens will be discontinued. The Ministry is looking "for alternatives."

The decision, if implemented, will not change the *de facto* situation in many kindergartens, where guard-duty has already quietly been dropped this year.

The officer's statement has not been confirmed by the ministry spokesman, who merely said the subject is under review.

The idea was first brought up six months ago by Ze'ev Katz, the chairman of the Haifa municipality's security department. Katz pointed out that the present system is ineffective because many parents fail to turn up. The system makes it difficult for parents of children who attend small kindergartens since they may have to perform guard-duty up to twice a month.

There is a great deal of discussion in educational circles about how kindergartens should be guarded. Many teachers feel that the present system of an unarmed parent sitting at the gate all morning is futile, while others reject the idea proposed by former Minister of Education Aharon Yadin of arming teachers with guns. One idea mooted recently in the Teachers' Union journal "Eid Hachinuch" was to post armed

eleventh and twelfth grade members outside the kindergarten. Yesterday, in a school kindergartens yesterday, Haier children according to age from a few minutes to up to a in school shelters. Teachers given general guidelines about to prepare their classes for the which went off at 11 a.m., but ed explanations were left teacher's own initiative.

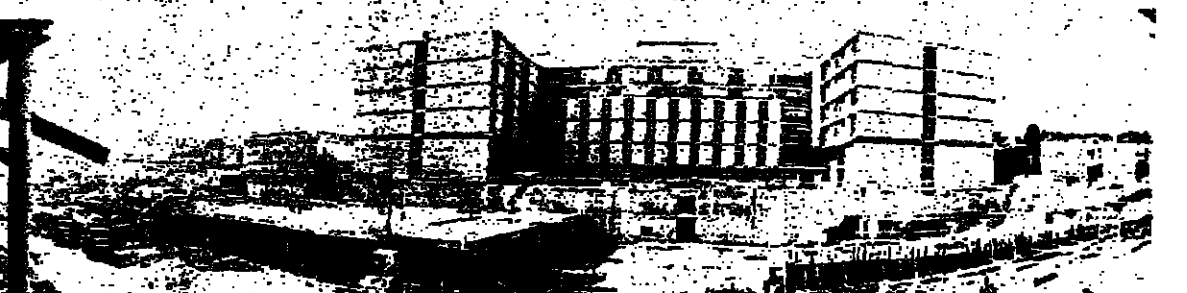
## Hammer answers on Border Police unit

Education Minister Ze Hammer, in his capacity as Interior Minister, told the K yesterday that the Border unit in Kiryat Arba is "no private army."

He was replying to a parliamentary question presented: "Is it not a private army?"

The Alignment's Yosef Se due to raise the subject today motion for the agenda, and pected to charge that Gush Et is packing the unit with its pathfinders.

Hammer apparently will defate the charges by initiali question and replying to it day.



The new Shaare Zedek medical centre, under construction.

day-care centre for employees' children, and a number of outpatient clinics.

The top floor of the main building, licensed only recently, will contain a geriatrics community centre, while the lowest floor will include space for a 200-bed emergency hospital that could operate under conditions of atomic, bacteriological, and chemical warfare. About 350 beds have been approved for the regular hospital, but there is room for 170 more.

The Jerusalem Municipality spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Shaare Zedek deserves credit for "building everything according to the law and obtaining all necessary licenses" despite the complexity of the project, which could compete with the planning problems of a small city.

But one feature of the hospital complex has created an uproar among Bayit Vegan residents, who have, since last Thursday, been watching the construction of what

will be the largest and tallest chimney in Israel.

Originally, a 35-metre-tall chimney was approved to emit waste gases from the complex. But an ecology team from the Technion and the Health Ministry, which took wind tests and collected data for months, recommended that the chimney be 75 metres high. The local planning commission will meet today to grant a license for the chimney.

Workers have been toiling around the clock pouring cement for the 70-metre column; any interruption in the work, they explain, would cause cracking.

But neighbours complain that the chimney will stand 30 metres higher than the hospital roof and ruin the skyline. Shaare Zedek officials argue that it would be cheaper not to build one, but that they must construct it to prevent pollution of the

area. Among the innovations in the hospital are a planned dental unit to provide some of the and perhaps air-conditioning installation of Jerusalem's first (computerized axial tomography) scanner. Built by Elscint, the scanner takes x-rays of bodies from any angle.

The Technological Institute Halachic Problems has helped hospital install systems that prevent avoidable desecration of Shabbat and holidays.

Shaare Zedek's administrator who refer to it as "the hospital heart," are concerned whether they can maintain the "sonal touch" in the massive plan. They are considering an ombudsman for each floor hospital, to whom patients can could submit complaints.

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## Apology to Readers

The Jerusalem Post apologizes to readers who did not receive the paper yesterday, or who received their paper late. This was due to a production breakdown.



## Aviv changes 'Broom Law' Failure to sweep a clean sidewalk may not be illegal

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV — Attempts are being made in the municipality to prevent merchants' strike scheduled for Monday by moderating the law forcing them to sweep the sidewalks outside their stores. The law, which took effect on October 1, obliges storekeepers to sweep the sidewalks during three half-hour periods during the day.

A municipal inspector, keeping in mind a particular street, can fine a storekeeper who during the stipulated half hour did not sweep the sidewalk and sweep his section of the sidewalk.

The law has outraged the merchants, who say that some of the fines are being levied for not sweeping the sidewalk. Others argue that limiting a particular half hour is not fair since they may have customers at that time.

According to municipal sources, the law now being amended so that inspectors would only fine merchants who do not sweep the sidewalks. Failure to sweep a clean sidewalk would not be a crime, but a civil offense. Under the proposed amendment the storekeepers would

be given a full hour three times a day in which to fulfill their sweeping duties.

This, the municipal spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* is as far as the municipality would go. But this may not be far enough for the merchants, many of whom demand repeal of the law altogether. Mayor Shlomo Lahat insists that repeal is entirely out of the question.

The incensed merchants, in addition to calling a business strike next Monday, also plan to hold a demonstration outside City Hall. And they may even set up their own list to run in the next municipal elections if the "Broom Law" remains on the books.

Mayor Lahat plans to try friendly persuasion by sending female college students from store to store with folders and words of explanation about the law. It is hoped that what was not achieved by the get-tough tactics of city inspectors will be accomplished by a co-ed's smile.

The matter has become a hot issue within Lahat's own Liberal faction of the Likud coalition whose power base is the business community. The Liberals may soon deliberate the matter, as will the City Executive. Much of the effort to reach a compromise with the merchants is now being conducted through the Liberal Party.

## Jaffa is smooth under Dizengoff underpass

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV — Traffic yesterday smoothly under the elevated Dizengoff Circle, as the new underpass opened to vehicles for the first time.

Drivers did not know their way, but no snarls developed. Dizengoff underpass replaces circular road where heavy traffic and great numbers of cars were constantly in each way.

Access to the elevated highway will now be possible through a set of ramps connected directly to the widened sidewalk, so that

passers-by and vehicles will no longer come into contact.

Proprietors of stores situated directly around the circle complained yesterday that the elimination of the circular road and the creation of a wide plaza in its place, makes unloading of merchandise difficult. City inspectors were busy explaining yesterday just how and where such unloading may be done.

The municipality has meanwhile asked several well-known sculptors to submit designs for a new fountain, which will stand in the centre of the circle.

## Body objects to of Wakf money

World Organization of Jews Ab Lands has called on the government not to yield to "blackmail" by the Wakf (religious trust fund). The organization notes that the Wakf's funds are much more than the Wakf's monies. The organization demands that the government should not consider giving control of the Wakf until Jews are allowed to return to their confiscated property. The organization's spokesman has said that the government control of the Wakf was used by Haj Amin el-Faraj to support terrorist ac-

## Injured tourist flown back to Switzerland

TEL AVIV — A Swiss tourist, injured in a car accident on her way here earlier this month, has been flown home in a Swiss Air Rescue flying ambulance in a direct flight to Geneva. The white Lear jet, named the Albert Schweitzer, was dispatched especially to Elat to pick up Denise Richerd.

The \$7,500 cost of the flight was covered, entirely, by the woman's travel insurance.

## Fugitive brought home

HAIFA (Itim) — Shlomo Ben-Zion, a fugitive from justice who was due to testify as a central prosecution witness in an extortion trial was returned late on Monday night from Holland by a Haifa police officer. He was arrested by Dutch police by Israeli request.



Dead, drunk or dreaming, it doesn't seem to matter. We're on our lunch hour and still have more shopping to do. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Police action averts teachers' strike in Hatikva Quarter

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV — Several police ambushes outside Hatikva Quarter schools have brought to a halt a rash of vandalism and looting in and around the schools. A strike planned for today by teachers, protesting against thefts and destruction of school property in the quarter, was called off.

From the beginning of the year, school property was being almost systematically damaged in the quarter. Teachers each morning would discover window panes

shattered and playground equipment destroyed.

To make matters worse, audiovisual teaching equipment had begun to disappear, and some schools could not continue with their educational television lessons. In other schools, tape recorders and record players were missing.

Two weeks ago, the Histadrut Teachers' Union declared a labour dispute against the municipality and the Ministry of Education because of repeated burglaries and acts of vandalism in Hatikva Quarter schools.

## Results as expected: National Basketball League season opens

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The opening round of the National Basketball League's first Division ended on Monday night with victories by all the teams which were expected to win, and marked improvement by some of last year's weaker squads.

European and League champions Tel Aviv Maccabi displayed their strength in their devastating 124-86 triumph over South Tel Aviv Maccabi. Jim Eastwright led the way with 29 points followed by Mickey Berkowitz with 16. Joseph Leja was tops for the losers with 21 points.

Ramat Gan Hapoel had some trouble in the first half with a much improved Afula Hapoel team before it could break away to a 43-33 half-time lead, and finally to a 92-78 triumph. The game at Kibbutz Me'agan 30, saw both teams miss easy chances under the basket.

In a game played Sunday night in Mithmar Ha'emek, Gvat Yagur Hapoel scraped past a feisty Ramat Gan Maccabi team. The visitors from Ramat Gan were ahead by two at half-time but fell behind after the intermission. In the last minute they

managed to pull within one point of their rivals, 71-70, before David Goren, a 17-year-old high school student sank two jump shots making the final score 76-70. David's brother, Or, led all scorers with 23 points.

Haifa Hapoel, playing its first game in the top league after a year's absence, started out on the right foot beating Tel Aviv Elitzur 91-69.

Haifa's other first league team, Maccabi, journeyed to Kibbutz Na'an to play against Givat Brenner Na'an, and they did not fare as well, losing 75-53. Neither team played especially well and it appears that both are candidates for relegation to the second division.

Due to European Cup play Tel Aviv Hapoel played their League game last week beating Tel Aviv Betar 97-65.

Tel Aviv Hapoel face an important test tonight in Athens when they face Olympiakos in the revenge game after last week's 79-80 win over the Greeks. If Hapoel wins, or loses by less than 19 points, they advance to the next round to play against Sinudinye of Bologna, Italy.

## Owner of Acre disaster launch jailed for year

HAIFA (Itim) — The owner and operator of the excursion boat Nurit, which capsized off Acre last Independence Day killing eight people was yesterday sentenced to a year's imprisonment by the District Court here.

Robert Shumous, 47, was found guilty of causing the death of eight of his 72 passengers after the prosecution proved that he knew he was only licensed to take 22 day-trippers.

But the three-panel court acquitted Shumous of the charge of gross criminal negligence saying that the prosecutor had failed to prove reckless behaviour.

The eight people died when they were trapped in the Nurit's superstructure when the boat capsized. A Transportation Ministry naval expert testified in the trial that there were no adverse weather conditions that could have caused the accident, and that the fact that it was heavily overladen caused the Nurit to capsize.

## Safad sages' yeshiva to be renovated

SAFAD (Itim) — The old building used by the Safad sages as a beit midrash in the 19th century will be renovated and turned into a centre for religious studies in Safad, the town's Chief Rabbi, David Dayan, has announced.

Speaking at a scholarship awarding ceremony for Safad yeshiva students who study out of town, Rabbi Dayan said that after the building is renovated a yeshiva and a Kollel for married yeshiva students would be opened in the building.

WINNING NUMBERS in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis lotto draw are: 08, 15, 17, 18, 29, 37 and the additional number is 07.

## Jaffa men convicted of murder conspiracy in grenade trial

TEL AVIV (Itim) — Two Jaffa men were yesterday found guilty of conspiring to murder by tossing a grenade into the home of a Jaffa couple who were supposed to testify in a large opium trial.

The grenade tossed into Shmuel and Rina Catalan's home killed Rina Ashkenazi who was sleeping in the flat. Judge Itamar Pipel found Amos Sulami and Shimon Cohen guilty of all the charges filed by the prosecution, even though he remarked in his verdict that there were numerous contradictions in various testimonies, including that of a police officer.

Amos Sulami's brother, Ya'acov, has been sentenced to a heavy jail term for concealing a large cache of opium on the Catalan's roof. Shmuel and Rina Catalan were due to testify at his trial but the night before they were to appear in court a grenade was tossed into their flat. Rina Ashkenazi, who was keeping Rina Catalan company because her husband was in the reserves, was killed in the blast.

Rina and Shmuel Catalan eventually testified in both Ya'acov Sulami's trial — where their testimony was essential to his con-

viction — and in that of Amos Sulami and Shimon Cohen. In the latter's trial they said that the two had tried to stop them from testifying in the drug dealer's trial. Sulami and Cohen were also found guilty of intimidating witnesses.

The conspiracy to murder charge was proved in part by tape-recordings of conversations between the two men while they were remanded in a police lock-up after the blast, and partly because of the testimony of a prosecution witness who claimed that the two convicted men had asked for his help in planning the grenade. Even though the prosecution witness, Yosef Harush, was declared a liar by Pipel, the Judge decided to convict the men because of supporting evidence and the accused's own testimony.

Judge Pipel gave his verdict in the afternoon after normal court hours in a room packed with a special police force and the convicted men's relatives. The two men entered the court room smiling but as the judge drew to the end of his long and detailed verdict they started to shout and had to be restrained by police officers.

## Con-men in J'lem, police warn

Jerusalem police yesterday issued a warning to residents of the Capital against two confidence tricksters who duped at least five people into buying virtually worthless watches for IL1,000 each.

Police described the crooks' method of operation after five complaints were registered by people who had bought the expensive-looking watches. They said that one of the con-men — dressed as a tourist and speaking foreign languages — would station himself in a public place such as a bus station and offer the watch for sale saying he was stranded and broke and needed money to eat.

At this stage a man would drive up

in a taxi and start bargaining for the watch. The taxi driver would soon "discover to his dismay" that he did not have the cash to buy the watch and would express his regret saying that it was worth "thousands of pounds." During the bargaining session a crowd would gather around the two con-men and when the taxi driver "regretfully" stepped down from the deal, police said, the con-men would always somebody in the crowd who was willing to pick up the "bargain" for IL1,000.

Police speculated that more people than those who complained about the fraud were duped by the con-men and asked the public for information that would lead to their arrest. (Itim)

## Jewelry merchants report thefts

TEL AVIV (Itim) — Two large thefts of diamonds and jewelry were reported here recently. Hiltch-hikers allegedly stole IL200,000 worth of jewelry from a Jaffa merchant, Shmuel Schwartz, near a cafe here.

Schwartz complained to police that he picked up four hitch-hikers in a taxi he hired to go to Netanya. He stopped for a drink and when he returned, found the taxi gone.

The police arrested four suspects yesterday at a roadblock near Beersheba, but found none of the jewels.

Unpolished diamonds, valued at IL15,000, were stolen Monday from a diamond polishing workshop here. The thieves used a crow bar to break into the second-storey workshop, belonging to the Finkelshtein family, and took the diamonds which they found lying on a table.

## 300 to participate in Histadrut youth meet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

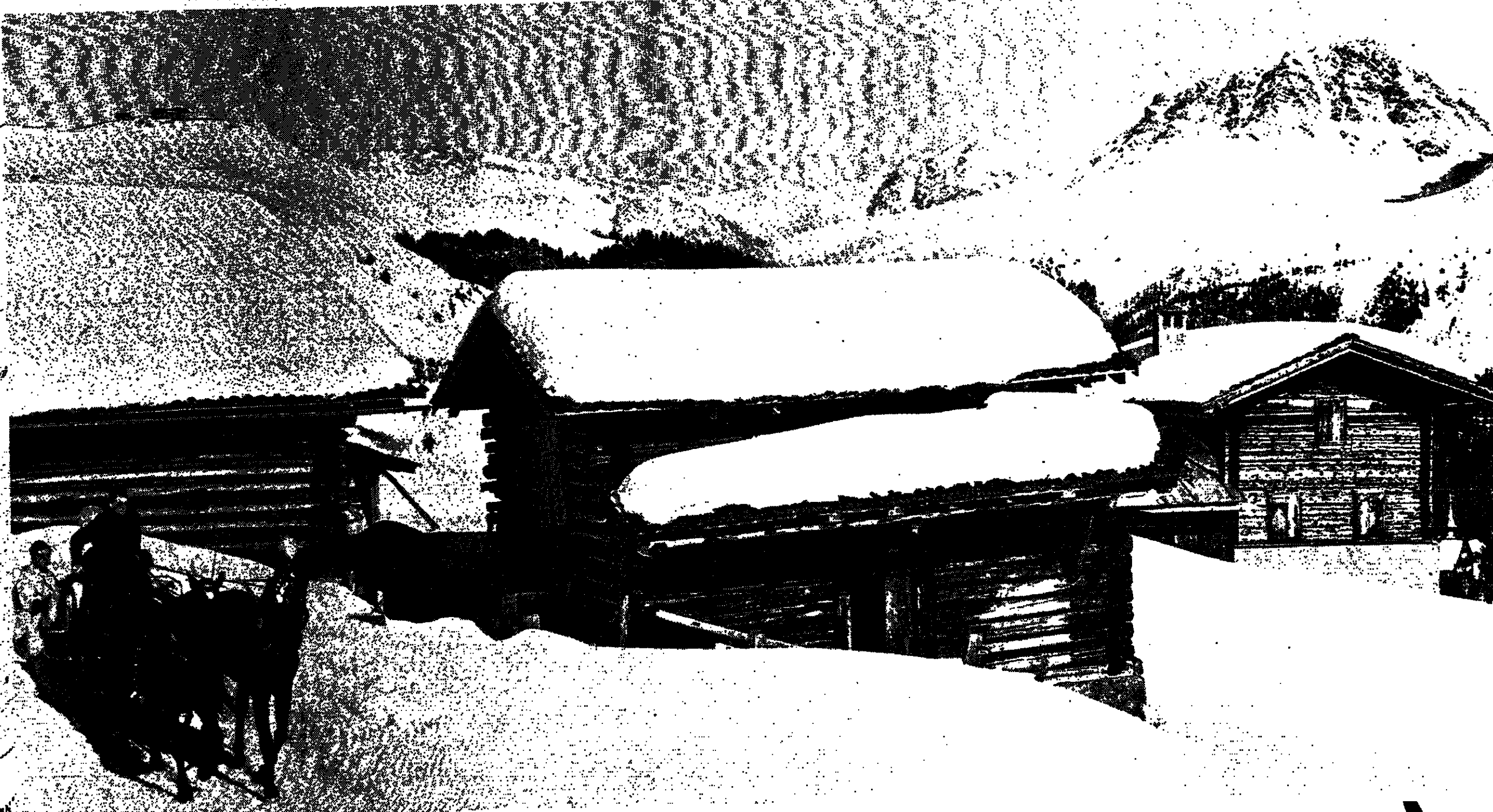
TEL AVIV — Strong unions in the Histadrut should use their influence to get a better break for factory workers and other "underdogs." This is one of the resolutions which will be brought before the Histadrut Youth Conference in Netanya on Friday and Saturday.

At a press conference here yesterday, Shmuel Bahat of the Histadrut Youth Department said that individual Histadrut-affiliated youth organizations have always had their own conventions, but this is the first time that all the different youth organizations will be meeting together. About 300 delegates, aged between 17 and 30, will participate.

## Explosive device

An explosive device was found in Beersheba's industrial zone yesterday morning and dismantled by police. There were no injuries and no damage to property.

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## West seen reluctant to support UN move for boycott of S. Africa

LONDON. — Diplomatic sources here said yesterday that Britain and other major Western powers do not favour an arms and investment boycott of South Africa because it would delay settlement of the Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa) issues and raise economic problems.

The sources point out that Britain has a great deal at stake in South Africa, and its economy would be hard hit if mandatory sanctions were imposed. But at the same time, they said, Britain would be reluctant to veto sanctions because of its effect on African opinion.

Foreign Secretary David Owen called in Britain's Ambassador to South Africa, Sir David Scott, for consultations on Monday. The two men are believed to have discussed the current moves at the UN to impose mandatory sanctions against South Africa following last week's brutal crack-down on black organizations. Officials said yesterday that Sir David, who is currently on leave, was asked to remain available for further meetings if needed.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young, however, said on Monday that he favours imposing some form of sanctions against the white government of South Africa to force it to yield to international pressure for racial reform.

Young made the remark to reporters after leaving a Security Council meeting where African delegates, angered by the South African crack-down, demanded comprehensive arms and economic embargo against Pretoria.

Asked whether he favoured some sort of sanctions against South Africa, Young replied: "Yes, I guess I do."

The outspoken diplomat made it clear this was his personal view and the final decision would be made by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and

President Jimmy Carter. In the Security Council debate, Tunisian Ambassador Mahmoud Mestiri, who spoke on behalf of African delegates, said South Africa's decision last week to shut down two top black newspapers, disband 18 opposition groups and arrest dozens of critics showed that the time for tougher Security Council action had come.

In South Africa itself, police fired shots, teargas and mounted baton charges against youths as smouldering discontent flared into violence on Monday, police officials said.

Maj.-Gen. David Kriel, Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of riot control throughout South Africa, said police fired teargas, charged with batons and finally pelted a crowd of 300 blacks with birdshot at a township near King William's Town, 720 km. south of Johannesburg. Kriel, who gave no



U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young at the UN debate on South Africa. (AP radiophoto)

indication of why the violence had erupted, said the youths hurled stones at police. He said 47 blacks were arrested.

Other incidents occurred in Queenstown, north-west of King William's Town in the eastern Cape Province; Sibus, in the Venda tribal "homeland" 480 km. north-east of Johannesburg; Stinkwater, in the Bophuthatswana "homeland," scheduled for "independence" in December; and in Johannesburg itself, where seven black clergymen were arrested for staging a protest march in the centre of the city.

One black was injured in Monday's disturbances, and police detained 13 blacks, bringing to 62 the number of blacks arrested since last week's crack-down.

Police Minister Jimmy Kruger said yesterday the autopsy report on Steve Biko, the black leader who died in detention last month, had been completed and police had finished their investigations. It was now up to the Attorney-General of the Transvaal Province to decide whether or not to call for an inquest, he said.

Sources closely connected with the case said that brain damage was a prime factor in Biko's death in a Pretoria prison cell six weeks ago. In Bloemfontein, the trial reopened yesterday of black militant Winnie Mandela, who is charged with breaking the terms of her banishment to a remote township in the Orange Free State.

Mrs. Mandela, 43, wife of imprisoned nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, has pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include receiving visitors and attending gatherings. If found guilty, she could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison. She was banished last May to the little town of Brandfontein 60 km north of Bloemfontein and 300 km. from her home in Johannesburg's Soweto township.

Her husband, Nelson Mandela, was sentenced in 1964 to life imprisonment on charges of sabotage and conspiring to start a revolution. He is serving the sentence on bleak Robben Island prison off Cape Town. (UPI, Reuters).

## Ivory hunters threaten survival of Africa's elephant population

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Ivory hunters killed between 100,000 and 400,000 elephants on the African continent last year, an international authority on elephants said yesterday.

Iain Douglas-Hamilton, Kenya-based wildlife specialist and conservationist, was addressing the World Wilderness Congress currently holding a five-day meeting here. About 710 tons of ivory — taken from some 71,000 elephants — was shipped from Africa to Hong Kong alone during 1978, he said.

Africa also exported ivory to Japan, China, India, the Middle East, Europe and America. "And there seems to be no let-up in the demand," he told about 600 delegates attending the conference. He said he was currently engaged in a project to find out if such pressure on the elephant population could sustain the demand.

"The general continental picture

is one of decline," Douglas-Hamilton said. "The northernmost elephants live in Mauritania, but not one has been seen in the last 10 years and only their droppings indicate their existence."

Douglas-Hamilton said it had been reported that in Chad — on the southern edge of the Sahara — the army had used rockets to shoot at elephants from helicopters.

"In Sudan I have very recent reports that some tribes are still burning elephants to death by setting alight the long grass around a herd," he said. Kenya had lost more than half its elephant herd since 1970, and the situation was worse in neighbouring Uganda.

If the present rate of over-exploitation by ivory hunters continued, Douglas-Hamilton said, the survival of the elephant population would be jeopardized like that of the great blue whale.

## Chile human rights better but not good

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The state of citizens' human rights in Chile is better but still not good enough, according to a five-member UN group set up two-and-a-half years ago.

"A large number of political detainees have been released, the scale of arrests and detention has diminished, and the account of torture are not as shocking," said the 348-page report issued on Monday. "Large-scale detention of political opponents," it went on, has been replaced by "short-term detention and torture, followed by systematic harassment of the person concerned and his family...people continue to disappear."

The main treaty between Panama



Somali women with swords parade in Mogadishu on Friday to mark the eighth anniversary of Somalia's revolution. (AP radiophoto)

## Sadat 'ready to cut Israel down to size'

CAIRO (UPI). — President Anwar Sadat says Egypt is ready to cut Israel down to size in another Middle East war, should it persist in its refusal to evacuate all occupied Arab territories, including East Jerusalem.

The Israeli withdrawal, as well as Arab demands for the creation of an independent Palestinian state, are not negotiable, Sadat said.

But before resorting to war, the Arabs will explore all avenues leading to a settlement, provided the Palestine Liberation Organization is allowed to participate in peace talks, he said.

Sadat's declarations were contained in a speech delivered on his behalf late on Monday by State

Minister Hamed Mahmoud at Suez City. The occasion was a rally marking the Israeli siege around the city in one of the last battles of the Yom Kippur War.

Observers believe the hard-line statements were aimed at putting pressure on both America and Israel to accelerate the Middle East peace process and to include the PLO in the Geneva peace conference.

"If Israel wants to test us again, we will teach it a lesson more cruel than the lesson of yesterday," Sadat said, alluding to what Egypt considers as its victory in the 1973 war.

"We seek peace, but if it is not realized, then fighting will become imperative," he said. "Our men have not laid down their weapons and are keeping their finger on the trigger."

"The objectives of setting up an independent Palestinian state and ensuring the right of the Palestinians to return to their homes in what is now Israel and determine their destinies must not be renounced," he said.

Sadat said he was raising an "olive branch with one hand, but the other carries a weapon. We are ready to go to the Geneva conference, without belittling the role of any of the concerned parties," Sadat said. "But we cannot allow anybody to undermine our achievements or the achievements of the Palestinian people, who have chosen the PLO as the tool of their struggle."

## Canal plebiscite results spur opposition in Panama

PANAMA CITY (AP). — Leading opponents of the Panama Canal treaties say the 32 per cent of the electorate that voted against the plebiscite, called for "a continued opposition and return to democracy" in a statement released here yesterday.

"These were very good results and show we are in a very good position," said lawyer Diogenes Arsemann. "We have been fighting for the renewal of political parties. And now that we have this-bathings, we believe we have enough support to continue working toward a renewal of political parties."

The main treaty between Panama and the U.S. will give Panama control of the canal by the year 2000. The second document declares the waterway a neutral zone and allows U.S. military intervention in case of a threat to its security. About two-thirds of almost 800,000 Panamanian voters favoured such an arrangement. The documents must be approved by the U.S. Senate before they take effect.

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## Soviets propose 60,000-man limit on military manoeuvres in Europe

BELGRADE (UPI). — Western diplomats yesterday studied the Soviet Union's first new proposal at the Belgrade conference — a 60,000-man limit on military manoeuvres in Europe.

Soviet Ambassador Yuri Vorontsov formally submitted the idea, first suggested by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev on Thursday, as part of a package of proposals on disarmament at the 35-nation conference to review the 1975 Helsinki agreement.

"We believe that the problem of security in Europe should not be covered or obscured by the other problems which have been raised here," Vorontsov said, referring to the human rights provisions of the Helsinki accord, which have launched off several angry debates in the three weeks of the meeting. The 1975 agreement covers military security and economic cooperation as well as human rights.

U.S. delegate Arthur Gold said the U.S. would "study and discuss seriously" the Brezhnev proposals — in addition to the control suggestions U.S. President Jimmy Carter made in a speech the UN General Assembly last month.

Diplomats noted that the Soviet proposals — including a treaty to outlaw the "first use" of nuclear weapons and a freeze on membership of NATO and the Warsaw Pact — have been made and rejected by the West.

One veteran arms negotiator pointed out that NATO manoeuvres are usually larger in size than Soviet ones. Of five Warsaw Pact manoeuvres since 1975, the largest involved 100,000 troops. But the eight major NATO manoeuvres since the signing of the Helsinki Pact, the largest involved 65 men.

## Strict secrecy maintained over Lufthansa inquiry Hijackers still not identified

Washington Post News Service MOGADISHU, Somalia. — The four terrorists who hijacked the Lufthansa jetliner last week remain officially unidentified, but foreign diplomatic sources here disclosed that three of them possessed Iranian passports while the fourth was travelling on a Dutch passport.

It was not revealed, however, whether these travel documents were forged or stolen, and the Somali Government continued to maintain strict secrecy surrounding their investigation, not permitting anyone to visit the sole surviving suspect.

The survivor, who carried an Iranian passport in the name of Shahnaz Gholam, 22, is kept under a heavy guard at a Mogadishu hospital with slight gunshot wounds in her shoulder and leg. She was arrested while shouting in Arabic to bystanders following the spectacular West German commando raid last week.

During the five-day hijacking odyssey, the four hijackers were heard to converse in a mixture of broken English. Since neither Iranians nor Dutch normally speak Arabic, some diplomats here were sceptical about the authenticity of the passports.

An Arab diplomat here said he knew the passports were genuine and that none of the hijackers were Arab. A Chinese doctor who saw the bodies reportedly suggested that the three dead terrorists were all rather fair coloured, looking more European than Arab. Some sources suggested that the surviving girl was a Palestinian.

The terrorists may have been associated with the extreme Palestinian group, the so-called Popular Organization led by Wadid Haddad, according to some Arab suggestions here. Haddad dropped out of sight after he was expelled two years ago from the leadership of another radical Palestinian group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Although the Front is regarded as one of the most radical Palestinian groups, Haddad's expulsion from its leadership was reported to have been based on charges that he had been too radical.

The consensus here is that the hijackers were part of an international terrorist network that embraces offshoots of the West German Baader-Meinhof group, the Japanese Red Army, and allies of Carlos, the Venezuelan terrorist. According to the passports, the

dead hijackers were Johannes Gerdus, a Dutch citizen, and Reza Abasay and Soraya Ansary, both Iranian nationals.

Gerdus, who was believed to have been the spokesman for the group, had identified himself during the hijacking as Walter Mahmoud. The three terrorists, who died in the West German assault that freed 86 hostages aboard the Lufthansa Boeing-747, reportedly have been buried here.

Just how the investigation is being conducted and who else is involved apart from the Somalis remains unknown. There are reports that West German police and Interpol are involved, but the degree of their involvement and of Somalia's cooperation with outside investigators could not be ascertained.

## Co-pilot's wife is former Israeli

TEL AVIV (Rim). — The wife of the co-pilot of the hijacked Lufthansa is a former Israeli, the Army radio reported yesterday.

The co-pilot is Victor Klaus, 35, and his wife Marcelle left Israel for her native Germany 15 years ago. She has a sister in Tel Aviv, who asked not to be identified.

## Marcos accuses 'Arab land' of aiding Moslem rebels

MANILA (Reuters). — President Ferdinand Marcos yesterday accused an unnamed Middle East country (apparently Libya) of bragging that it supplied \$100m. worth of arms to secessionist Moslem rebels in the southern Philippines.

"We are still battling a secessionist movement that is supported from outside," he told a group of U.S. World War II veterans. "I will not mention the country, but you all know which Middle East country is supporting this secessionist movement."

Marcos noted that Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels had the latest Soviet weapons including mortars and B-70 rockets.

He said the Philippines would continue to move towards normalcy and the lifting of martial law, and he still

intended to hold elections "within the year."

"But while there is fighting by rebel forces supported by a country from outside, I am not about to lift martial law. Let them stop shooting and we will lift martial law," he said.

Meanwhile, government planes yesterday bombed rebel base north of Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines as ground troops closed in on it.

Southern Commander Romulo Espaldon told reporters he hoped to launch a ground attack on the MNLF base, manned by about 2,000 men last night or today.

In Zamboanga City, an official of a special cease-fire commission said the Islamic Nations' Conference was trying to resume peace negotiations between the government and the MNLF.

## 21st century reactor to be built in England

LUXEMBOURG (UPI). — The European Common Market finally agreed to build its long-debated nuclear fusion reactor in England — in the quest for a source of clean, safe and unlimited power in the 21st century.

Dispute over where to build the doughnut-shaped reactor known as a "joint European torus" (JET) had threatened to scuttle the project altogether.

Finally the choice boiled down to Garching, near Munich in West Germany, and Culham, near Oxford in England where a design team has been at work for several years.

To break the deadlock, Germany agreed to accept a majority decision, rather than the unanimous vote usually demanded in the nine-nation community on vital matters.

Six countries voted for Culham; Germany and Luxembourg opted for Garching and Italy abstained.

British energy minister Tony Wedgwood Benn said the decision had "opened up a new option of a very important kind for the 21st century."

The jet project will be used in an attempt to create sustained fusion of light atoms of tritium and deuterium — in effect harnessing the same forces that make the sun shine. Scientists say the process would

create limitless energy — and totally harmless helium — from materials which nature supplies in almost unlimited amounts.

If proven feasible, the process would be a god-send to countries which are now hovering on the brink of uncertain and dangerous plutonium economy.

Several community countries will face a yawning energy gap in the mid 1980s and beyond if, as expected, supplies of imported oil begin to diminish.

Guido Brunner of West Germany, the Common Market commissioner in charge of energy and research, predicted the jet reactor would take five years to build and would employ 320 scientists and technicians once it is completed.

He said the first task is to rebuild the design team, which now is down from 53 to 38 members who have remained with the project on a month-to-month basis despite job offers from a similar project at Princeton University.

The European torus will be competing with projects in the Soviet Union and Japan as well as the U.S. Basically, it will be a doughnut-shaped vessel in which the fusion process will be contained at temperatures beyond 100 million degrees by a magnetic field.

## Maikovskis refuses to testify

NEW YORK (AP). — Boles Maikovskis, accused of criminal homicide during World War II, took the Fifth Amendment yesterday when called to testify at deportation hearing.

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution recognizes the right of an individual not to incriminate himself.

Maikovskis, 73, a retired carpenter who lives in Minnesota has resided in the U.S. since 1951, continued refusing to answer questions after being directed to do so three times by the hearing judge.

The hearing was adjourned today to give the government chance to decide whether it will activate machinery to his Maikovskis cited for contempt.

In testimony last week, witness identified Maikovskis as a Latvian police official who assisted Japs and directed roundups of Jews death camps in collaboration with the Nazi occupiers of the country.

## Electric chair for boy, 16, in \$6 robbery-murder case

SEBRING, Florida (AP). — A 16-year-old boy who was convicted of slaying an elderly widow to death in a \$6 robbery has been sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Frank Ross Jr. of Desoto City, Florida, stood calmly and said nothing on Monday as Circuit Judge Clifton Kelly imposed the death penalty for the murder in November last year of 94-year-old Helen Dixon.

"The idea of a teenager being executed by the state immediately invokes a natural feeling of repugnance and aversion," Kelly wrote in a footnote to the death sentence. "But there is a still greater feeling of repugnance and aversion when you consider that a helpless, wholly innocent, 64-year-old woman who was living alone in her own home was brutally killed."

A jury had convicted Ross of first degree murder last February. The same jury deliberated only 17 minutes on Monday before recommending the death penalty.

Ross' mother, Cresta Belcher, quietly said as the sentence was pronounced, "What had to be done," she said outside the courtroom.

Highlands County Assistant Public Defender Nick Chommer said appeal is automatic when the death penalty is imposed.

Ross was charged together with another Desoto City youth, Jas Wells, 17, who was found guilty of separate trial last August and sentenced to life in prison.

Both boys testified that they went to look at a car offered for sale by Mrs. Dixon. Wells testified that Ross knocked the woman down, kicked her, took \$6 from her, ripped out her telephone.

When Ross took the stand, Assistant State Attorney William Welch asked repeatedly why Ross had killed Mrs. Dixon. The youth said he didn't know.

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## Firing of Dimona workers delayed

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DIMONA. — Officials of the Kitan textile plant here have agreed to postpone for one month their decision to dismiss 229 of the plant's workers. The compromise was reached with workers' committee representatives at a negotiating session.

Last week the management handed the workers dismissal notices, claiming that the firm, which lost IL12m. in 1976, had to cut costs in order to stay in business. The workers objected that there had been no prior consultation with the committee, and refused to accept them or negotiate until they were rescinded.

## Meshel fights rising prices

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
TEL AVIV. — Yehoram Meshel, secretary-general of the Histadrut, called on the Manufacturers Association yesterday to join his federation in fighting against Government-initiated price rises. Otherwise, he warned, the employers who belong to the Association will have to compensate the workers.

"This isn't just a fight between the Histadrut and the Government," Meshel told members of the Working Women's section of the Trade Union Department. "I don't understand why the manufacturers stand on the sidelines and don't react."

Meanwhile, Uriel Abrahamowitz, chairman of the Trade Union Department, said that inflation will reach 32 per cent this year and not 27 per cent as Government sources have predicted. He said the Histadrut's trade union policy for the coming year will have to include ways to "respond quickly" to Government economic policies.

Both Meshel and Abrahamowitz mentioned creeping devaluations, creeping subsidy reductions and the easing of price controls in favour of "free market" pricing as policies which are inflationary and against the interests of the workers.

## Amcor exports

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TEL AVIV. — The Amcor company is establishing three sales and promotion outlets abroad — in the U.S., England and Switzerland.

The move flows from increases in exports of its main items. In 1976 Amcor exported goods valued at \$3m. In 1977 the figure should increase by 50 per cent to \$4.5m. and in 1978, another increase of \$1.5m. is expected, bringing total exports in that year to \$6m.

In the U.S., the company will be called the "Amcor Group." It has acquired offices in Edison, New Jersey, near New York, and will market electronic insect exterminators, "solar heaters," and stands for refrigerators and mixers. In London the firm will be called "Amcor Appliances," and will concentrate on selling the electronic exterminator, commercial refrigerators, and air-conditioners. In Switzerland it will be called "Amcor Transonic," and will sell solar heaters, and air-conditioners.

In England and in Switzerland, the offices will be run with the help of local businessmen.

## El Al load factor up

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al concluded the summer season with a growth of 20 per cent on the European routes and a 10 per cent increase in passenger traffic on the North Atlantic line, the company spokesman said.

In the first nine months of 1977, the national airline carried 780,000 passengers on its European flights, 130,000 more than last year. It carried about 200,000 on the North Atlantic run, compared to 170,000 in the same period in 1976.

The following lines had particularly outstanding growth: Scandinavian, 95 per cent; Vienna and Frankfurt, 30 per cent; and Amsterdam, 25 per cent.

According to IATA statistics, El Al headed the load factor table on the North Atlantic route in August, with 77 per cent occupancy. Next came Aer Lingus-Irish, and Air France.

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Leisurely gas delivery in Jerusalem's Old City. (Barzilay)

## Economic recovery in industrialized nations is over, says German banker

PARIS. — The economic recovery which generally started in the autumn of 1976 is over in the great majority of industrial countries, according to Dr. Kurt Richebacher, executive manager of West Germany's Dresdner Bank.

Speaking at a conference on "The Management of Foreign Exchange Risks," organized by the International Herald Tribune with Foreign Research Ltd., Dr. Richebacher went on to say that in many countries the recovery ended as early as the middle of last year.

He said that in all countries except the U.S., "there was just a brief revival in output at the turn of the year, largely due to an inventory build-up. But since then nearly all national economies — and with them the world economy — have been going sour at a pace few people imagined possible a few months ago."

Elaborating on the future of specific countries, Dr. Richebacher

## Britain confident of future

By MACABEE DEAN  
JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
TEL AVIV. — We in England are confident of our economic future — even if there still remain plenty of hurdles to be jumped, Colin H. Imray, the newly-appointed commercial counsellor at the British Embassy, said yesterday.

He was speaking at a luncheon given in his honour, and also in honour of the trade mission of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, by the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce (Israel).

Imray, who arrived only two days ago, after completing a tour of duty in Pakistan, compared the "Economic picture of England today and one year ago." Then, the future looked "dismal." The exchange rate was falling, the minimum interest

## CEG-I fosters U.S.-Israel business

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
There is a long list of services which the Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel (CEG-I) offers to manufacturers here. It is essentially a voluntary body, acting as commercial liaison between Israeli manufacturers and their U.S. counterparts. The brainchild of Elmer Winter, a founder of the world-wide chain of Manpower employment agencies, it is a successor to the Economic Conference launched in 1968.

CEG-I offers Israeli manufacturers help in finding partners in the U.S. It helps with the export and distribution of Israeli products in the vast American market. For this purpose it has specialized divisions for the various branches, such as furniture, medical equipment, hardware, food, and so on.

The nonprofit organization also has a trade show division, which advises Israeli businessmen which trade fairs are the most essential for their line. CEG-I maintains a network of 12 offices in the main cities of the U.S. and in Israel. Experienced American business executives serve as volunteer directors on the organization's board of directors.

The list of directors reads like a Who's Who of American Jewish business leaders. Elmer Winter is the chairman of CEG-I.

## Inflation—pushed or pulled?

By SELOMO MAOZ  
JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
There are no clear signs yet of any economic recovery, and although price inflation has accelerated, this has been caused mainly by cost pushes and for the time being there is no demand-caused pull on prices. This emerges from the latest survey of economic developments which will be published shortly by the Bank of Israel.

Nevertheless, the central bank's survey warns that the increased liquidity — mainly caused by higher public expenditure — may cause demand inflation in the future and impair Israel's competitiveness.

Both private and public expenditure have gone up in recent months, the bank's survey says, and the third quarter of the year has seen a steep rise in public expenditure. This, in particular, has pumped large amounts of cash into the economy and made it possible for the business sector to translate cost increases into higher prices. The rise in real wages in the public sector, which pulled up wages in other sectors too, augmented the monetary expansion.

The third quarter of 1977 saw a further improvement in the current balance of payments, with exports growing significantly while imports rose more slowly. Nevertheless, the Bank of Israel survey is concerned about an apparent deterioration in the profitability of exports as a result of accelerated domestic price inflation in recent months. The more rapid rate of inflation may, in turn, generate more inflationary expectations among the public.

Bank of Israel officials also pointed out with concern the rapid expansion of commercial bank credit, which rose by IL3.7b. since February and reached IL12b. in the second half of October. Last month alone, the survey says, credit expanded by IL1b. In January, commercial credit was IL3.3b., and thus rose by 25 per cent, while prices rose by 21 per cent.

The survey notes that the gross national product rose in the first half of the year and stabilized itself at a level above that of the second half of 1976, but most of the increase was due to higher consumption. Investment, on the other hand, sank still lower, reflecting that the economy — and particularly the industrial sector — had not yet adjusted to the recessionist trends in the domestic market and had substantial excess capacity.

At the same time, some economists pointed out, the data did not explain or reveal any significant trend for investment in export industries to rise, which might have offset the slowdown in investments oriented towards the domestic market.

The survey discerns, however, some signs of investment picking up in the third quarter of the year, since imports of capital goods have risen somewhat.

There are also some indications that residential construction in the private sector is picking up. Sales of finished flats have gone up by 20 per cent in the second quarter and by 17 per cent in the first quarter. Public residential construction, however, remains stagnant, mainly as a result of low immigration.

Industrial output, which rose in the first quarter of the year, has not increased any further, but still remains above the 1976 level. There has been no significant increase in industrial employment, and unemployment remains at the 3.6 per cent level. At the same time, employment of workers from the administered territories continues to decline.

One welcome development according to the survey, is that employment in the Government service has stopped growing.

## Higher sea cargo rates to Europe

By YAA'ACOV ARDON  
JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
HAIFA. — Sea cargo rates between here and north and north-west Europe will go up again next January, the Shippers Council was informed this week by the north-west European and Scandinavian conferences. The reason for the increases are the higher operating costs for sea-going vessels.

Shippers Council secretary Arieh Mehoulai said yesterday that Israeli importers and exporters will pay this year a total sea cargo bill of IL6b., compared with less than IL5b. last year. This year the maritime conferences and independent shipping lines increased their charges by seven to 15 per cent.

More bleak news comes from the U.S., where a strike has paralyzed East Coast ports since the beginning of the month. The ports of New York, Baltimore and several others have stopped handling all container traffic. "Contrary to earlier reports the end of the strike is not in sight," Mehoulai said. Zim's regular fortnightly service delivering 100 to 120 containers on each voyage has been upset by the strike. The next sailing to the U.S. East Coast is only scheduled for November 20. Zim has suggested to some exporters that they ship their exports as conventional, uncontainerized cargo, and some have done so.

The Aharon Rosenfeld & Sons Agency hopes that the strike will be over by the time the "Export Freedom" freighter, which completed loading here this week, will reach the U.S., but imports from the U.S. are "stuck" in the ports.

"It is certain that this month our export figures will shrink because of the strike," Mehoulai said.

## New products lead Iscar export drive

By ABYER GREENFIELD  
Special to the Jerusalem Post  
NAHARIYA. — Several innovative products will lead Iscar's drive for greater exports next year. In 1976 the company's foreign sales totalled some \$3.5m., with \$5.2m. the target for this year. Partial data indicate this goal will be reached.

At the recent Hannover Machine Tool Fair, Iscar's exhibit attracted considerable attention, largely thanks to its novel parting tool. Used on lathes to cut off sections from the rapidly revolving work piece, such parting tools are used in the hundreds of thousands all over the world.

Iscar engineers have now introduced a major new approach to the design of this implement. Rather than requiring a complex holder, it consists of a single thin blade, held by an equally simple, but carefully machined toolholder. At its front end, this blade is equipped with a wedge-shaped indentation, designed to hold a small carbide cutting tip.

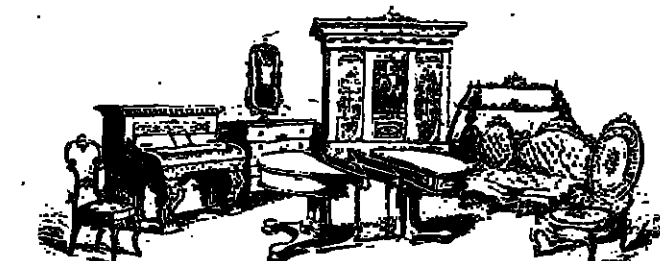
The manner in which the tip fits into the indentation is the new design's central idea. Orders already received indicate that exports of this item alone will amount to at least \$1m. next year. A similar amount will result from the sale of a novel air turbine for dental applications, developed and manufactured by Adimec Ltd., an Iscar subsidiary.

Lighter, with fewer parts and therefore less expensive, the Adimec turbine fits equipment now used by dentists all over the world.

To match this entry into the dental equipment field, Iscar and Adimec have also begun to manufacture high-quality dental drills and burs. These utilize Iscar's special carbide tips, shaped to their various required configurations by unique automatic machinery, much of it developed by Adimec's own specialists.

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## Growing in at the top

AT LONG LAST, there is light at the end of the tunnel. With the coming appointment of just two more ministers, these without portfolio, and several more deputy ministers, the task of making up the administration approved by the Knesset more than four months ago will finally have been completed.

The Begin Government, as the Premier justifiably boasted, is the second most broadly based in the nation's history. For apparently that same reason, however, it also appears as very nearly the most elephantine and unwieldy. It is about to consist of 19 ministers, two fewer than the Rabin regime, but of even more top officials if deputy ministers are counted as well.

This is a far cry from the tightly economical cabinet envisaged early on by Prof. Rom's administrative reform committee.

The broadened base is the result of the Democratic Movement for Change joining in this week. The DMC's inclusion may have the effect of loosening the religious parties' grip on Mr. Begin, and of relaxing Mr. Begin's hold on the cabinet. But because some compensation was due to the DMC for agreeing to forgo previous insistence on its famous "conditions," the party was allowed a degree of freedom from coalition discipline that is unprecedented.

Thus the DMC will have the right to transfer decisions on new settlements to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset; it will be entitled to abstain in Knesset votes on Judea and Samaria, and to vote as it pleases on religious matters and on electoral reform. It will, however, have to side with the Government in confidence votes.

The stability of administration need not therefore be affected. But orderly government will not necessarily be the beneficiary. Quite apart from their impact on overall policies, the four DMC ministers should nevertheless be a valuable addition to a not very distinguished roster of Likud and NRP representatives. Since they come somewhat late to their jobs, they will, however, have their hands full with work already started by others, or sorely neglected.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir may not be everyone's idea of "the conscience of the nation," as he himself defined the role of a Minister of Justice, but he is a professional with few peers. It will be interesting to watch him grapple with some of the new "law-and-order" legislation proposed within the Government which has gone on record as opposing.

At Transport and Communications, Mr. Meir Amit would have ample scope to demonstrate that a true technocrat can solve problems that have defied all politicians before him.

As head of the newly formed department of Labour and Social Betterment, Dr. Yisrael Katz, an eminent specialist in welfare, could show that the long-mooted combination of the activities now under his control is indeed salutary, and should, as promised, eventually embrace Health, too.

The most enigmatic role among the DMC quartet is that assigned to the party's leader, Prof. Yigael Yadin. Stripped of the purely honorific title of Deputy Premier — and shorn of the function of Acting Premier, reserved for occasions of Mr. Begin's absence — Prof. Yadin emerges as simply another Minister — without Portfolio.

There is little prospect that he will play the role of chief adviser to the Premier in that post; and with Dr. Katz in charge of most social betterment functions, it is hard to see what "coordinating" in that field would be required of him.

The pundits, of course, believe that Yadin's very presence in the cabinet could dissolve old alliances and shape new ones, and in the process get him to the top of the line of succession. Maybe so; the country will have to wait and see.

## Behind the smiles

A WELCOME VISIT was paid to this country during the past two days by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal. His principal host was Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich, and the two, accompanied by top aides, appeared to have conducted useful talks on the outstanding problems and prospects in the field of economic cooperation and financial assistance between Israel and the U.S.

Prime Minister Begin, too, saw Mr. Blumenthal briefly. After the meeting Mr. Begin came out to predict that American aid to Israel would not be reduced and might even be raised.

This was heartwarming news, no doubt inspired by the Secretary's personal assurances. It did not, however, entirely jibe with Mr. Ehrlich's stern warning, upon his return from Washington recently, that Israel should not expect the U.S. to keep subsidizing them for long to the tune of something like \$2.3b. annually.

Moreover, America's willingness to carry this burden, even for a while longer, depends on considerations that are less economic than political. The final decision on it therefore lies not with Secretary Blumenthal but with President Carter.

Mr. Begin, as is his wont, seized on the opportunity to assure the people that no cutoff in American aid was being threatened as a result of any possible clash with the U.S. He, of course, also denies that any such clash is in the offing.

This penchant for accentuating the positive, in disregard of any negative facts, was severely criticized yesterday in a newspaper article by Likud MK Zalman Shoval. With the advantage of several weeks' service as a member of the Israel delegation to the current session of the General Assembly, Mr. Shoval, writing from New York, urged the administration — that is, in effect, Mr. Begin — to keep the pre-election promise of telling the truth to the country.

Perhaps the chances for that have improved with the entry of the DMC — on the very ground of a national emergency — into the government. Certainly Mr. Blumenthal's own visit, friendly in spirit though it was, served to point out the accumulating tension.

It was not the fault of the Secretary that the State Department had decreed an "official tour" for him in western Jerusalem, and a strictly "private tour" in the eastern part of the capital. This diplomatic redhibition of the city has been more-or-less settled American practice for years. The latest example was, however, the most blatant — and it led to Mayor Kollek's refusal to play host to the American guest.

The Americans contend that they must do this to block any suggestion of formal recognition of what Israel calls the capital's reunification, and the U.S., among others, terms the annexation of East Jerusalem.

But if that were the only reason, then, as Mr. Kollek rightly said, it would behoove the U.S. to at least acknowledge Israel's sovereignty in West Jerusalem — by moving their embassy here, as pledged by the Democrats in the last presidential election. Surely it would not need even the smallest frontier "rectification" to have this part of the city recognized as belonging to Israel.

As for East Jerusalem, U.S. policy on this issue is too well known to require public demonstration of the kind attempted on the occasion of Mr. Blumenthal's visit.

The ineluctable conclusion is that the U.S. has again gone out of its way to appease the Arabs, even at the risk of discourtesy to Israel. Mr. Kollek took a reciprocal risk in order to defend the dignity of the capital. In doing so he expressed a deeply felt popular sentiment.

## Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

### CONSERVATIVE CONVERSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your editorial and news columns have made frequent reference to the term, "Conservative conversions in accordance with the Halacha." Please note that this is a self-contradictory concept, much like speaking of a square circle. The error arises from the commonly held belief that *Tziva* and *circumcision*, in the case of a male, are the essence of conversion to Judaism. In truth, while these are essential elements of the conversion rite, they are but symbols of an inner change. The basic halachic requirement for conversion is the bona fide acceptance of the yoke of Heaven, i.e. the rule of Halacha. Now, how can a *Beit Din* that does not itself recognize the binding force of the Halacha certify to another person's good faith acceptance of its authority?

A Conservative *Beit Din* could conceivably attest to a person's acceptance of the Conservative interpretation of Halacha, but it could not be a partner to a conversion which accords with the Halacha as prescribed and observed by at least 95 per cent of Jews who observe Jewish law. I use this figure because, while Conservative congregations in the United States may have large membership roles, unfortunately, only a tiny percentage of these members can be regarded as observant Jews, even by Conservative definitions. Therefore the number of Jews in the world who observe the *Mitzvot* is at least 95 per cent Orthodox.

Nothing is to be gained by confusing the issues. There is complete and total freedom of religion in Israel. Conservative and Reform synagogues function without interference of any kind. However, what we cannot permit is an attempt by non-Orthodox Jews to impose their rejection of the Halacha on others. A *Beit Din* predicated on the viability of the Halacha can hardly grant a conversion in accordance with the Halacha. When they properly reject the Conservative or Reform rabbis be recognized as members of a tribunal that will attest to an individual's readiness to convert to Judaism in accordance to the Halacha, I think we are taking matters too far.

RABBI PINCHAS STOLPER,  
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New York.

### REPREHENSIBLE NEWS BROADCAST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The broadcast, originating here in Israel, of the news that a German plane carrying anti-terrorist commandos had landed at Mogadishu airport might well have cost the lives of the hostages aboard the Lufthansa aircraft, and certainly endangered the rescue mission.

I think the transmission to the public of such news in such circumstances is reprehensible; and to have such a story broken by Israeli media is — in the light of Israeli experience with terrorism — almost incomprehensible.

It seems to me that we journalists — and most particularly, our editors — need to re-examine our priorities and responsibilities. We have, I think, no special mandate to endanger human lives for the sake of a news story.

MICHAEL ELKINS  
BBC — Newsweek  
Jerusalem.

### TOASTMASTERS' CLUB

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In the course of a recent Sabbath leave while I spent in the United States, I joined a Toastmasters' Club. Toastmasters' clubs are non-profit associations formed for the purpose of promoting and improving their members' techniques of public speaking and managing meetings. The means to these ends are constructive criticism and mutual aid. Meetings are conducted according to a set pattern. The topic for discussion is proposed by one member and subsequently each member is encouraged to speak for two minutes. Several prepared speeches are also delivered. These are evaluated and discussed, and eventually the best speaker of the evening is elected by ballot.

Prior to my return, I inquired at the Toastmasters' headquarters about the address of the Israeli branch. Much to my disappointment, I was informed that there was none. However, it was suggested that I try to found one. Since I was a Toastmaster for a brief period only, I am on the lookout for some former Toastmasters who might care to cooperate in this venture and whom I would request to contact me at the address below.

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### POSTSCRIPTS

A YEAR before the Yom Kippur War, the late Meyer Weisgal, builder and President of the Weismann Institute of Science, indulged in a fine bit of prophecy and pleading.

He had sent a copy of his autobiography, "So Far," to Hannah Ruppin, widow of his long-time friend Dr. Arthur Ruppin, who had himself been responsible for the purchase of much of the land now farmed in Israel. She thanked him for the book, and in return came a passionate letter telling her to persuade her son-in-law, archaeologist and former chief of staff, Yigael Yadin, to leave his academic ivory tower and go into politics.

Weisgal wrote, on July 2, 1972:

"The truth of the matter is that Dr. Arthur Ruppin and I carried on a love affair for many years... the same kind of love affair I had with Shmarya Levin. It is sad beyond words that we don't have these kind of people around us any more. I don't know whether I am overly pessimistic about the present or unduly nostalgic for the past, but when I think back over the dazzling galaxy of great men I met — Ahad Ha'am,

Weismann, Shmarya Levin, Arthur Ruppin, Jabotinsky, Meir Grossman and many others, not all of whom I agreed with politically, and look about the Israeli scene today, I feel desolate. There is no one — or hardly anyone — that can, in the remotest way, reach *ad karusheim* ("to the ankles"). With one exception perhaps — and this is no mere flattery. That is your own son-in-law, who also chose to be a professor rather than a statesman... it is just because Yigael is not meddled in politics that I think he could raise his voice like the prophets of yore without fear or favour and tell the Israelis what is wrong with them. Because I am sure — as sure as we are alive today — that the day of reckoning will yet come to us.

"Why I pour out my wrath to you I don't know, but somehow your warm letter led me to these reflections. Dear Hannah, for my sake and in my name, convey my sentiments to your son-in-law. There is nobody else I can think of in this country who has the right, the duty and the ability to speak up. He did touch upon these matters lightly in an interview the

other day, but not enough. There must be chastisement and anger, and as we say in Yiddish, *der heilige tzoren* (the sacred rage) should dominate his speaking. Maybe the others will follow if he speaks."

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Ruppin did not deliver the message at the time. "They were so busy and always travelling around," she said. Since then Carmela Yadin, her daughter, has died at an early age. "I only remembered the letter when Yigael came back from the U.S. the other day," Mrs. Ruppin explained.

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## BENDING THE TRUTH

What Israel really craves, today the country's critics fail no less than yesterday, writes claim, but a minimal degree of territorial aggrandizement, as some modest frontier change

THE OUTSIDE WORLD finds it convenient, for reasons of its own, to support the Arab view on a Middle East settlement. Not wanting to be excessively barefaced about it, commentators abroad have changed the facts and re-arranged events in a way that puts Israel squarely in the wrong.

What the Free World should be telling us is that we ought to consider making considerable territorial sacrifices, because the Arabs are pressing hard, and the Arabs are very influential nowadays in international affairs. That would be a fair statement.

What they are telling us instead is that we ignore the Palestinian problem, and that we hold territories which do not belong to us ("Arab territories" is the accepted phrase). Israel possesses, they inform us, a national home of its own, and could perfectly well live in peace with its neighbours — were it not that it is cursed with an insatiable thirst for territorial aggrandizement.

An image is thus created which is reassuring to the foreigner, because it makes his policies appear dispassionate and ethical. He wants to appease the Arabs, for good materialistic reasons: the Arab countries are many in number, and they have oil. So he builds up a scenario in which the Zionist regime is cast as the villain.

Needless to say, if Israel conducts itself like a military mini-colossus, occupying neighbouring territories by force (the word "imperialism" is even used), the upshot must be another Middle Eastern war. This is considered perilous for the world; though not, one assumes (supposing the analysis to be correct), at all intimidating to Israel.

The truth is that of all countries on the globe, the one that finds the prospect of a Middle East war most terrifying and repellent is Israel. Every fit male up to the age of 50 (except for the few in reserved occupations) will be called up.

Jewish blood was shed in the country's four major wars since 1948. Many of those in their fifties either fought in World War II or suffered torments more terrible than the battlefield.

Not that one must watch their offspring, born (they had hoped) to a life of peace in the land of redemption, go out and face a fire-power more deadly than anything known before — derived from weaponry poured into the region by the Russians, the British, the French and the Americans, in exchange for petrodollars.

And we are supposed to be gratuitously provoking this bloody encounter, against the will of the Arabs (who only want a "just and lasting peace"), because we choose to be avid for territories we do not need, and because we insist on ignoring "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians."

THERE IS A patent contradiction here. Any right-thinking observer who takes a serious look at the Israeli Government's policy on territories, will find that the territory it is in fact ready to evacuate in return for peace comprises the bulk of the administered areas, and that what Israel really insists on retaining is, in terms of acreage, so small and unpopulous as to be surely the smallest bone of contention at the centre of any major international conflict.

The observer will also discover that the historic Messianic claim of Israel to Judea and Samaria has largely been abandoned.

The Alignment parties, in power up to recently, have said that in so many words. The Likud, who succeeded them, stick to historicity. But in practice their spokesmen have made it clear that traditional all-or-nothing policies must be modified, to take account of current pressures. The DMC, by entering the Cabinet, have reinforced this trend.

The Israel Government is keen on going to Geneva, because it entertains a faint hope that some compromise can be hammered out between the 1967 borders insisted on by Assad and Sadat, and the Jordan river border that is Israel's true frontier according to true-blue Zionist ideologists.

Critics of Israel's policies hear what they want to hear, and are deaf when it suits them. Moshe Dayan, speaking in those heady days immediately after the triumphs of the Six Day War, when he was Defence Minister, stated publicly that he did not want to see Nablus in the Jewish State.

Since then, the argument has not been whether Israel should retreat, but how much. The Likud Government, under Herut leader Menachem Begin, condemns the recent joint U.S.-Soviet statement of policy, because it makes no mention of Security Council Resolution 242 — which demands, bluntly, the "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict" (that is, the war of 1967).

What then is the argument really all about? It is about areas, mostly empty of Arabs, that are imperative to give Israel a few hundred square kilometres of tactical leeway (not strategic depth; that cannot be achieved), so that she can deploy some kind of defence before an Arab invader is at her throat.

That the Arabs should disagree with the Israelis is politics. That the outside world should see us as intransigent, and opposed to any compromise, is a misreading of the situation that can only be explained by a decision on the part of our critics to extrapolate a false datum into the equation.

The false datum is that Israel has a nation-sized territorial entity at its disposal and, not content with that, is endeavouring to annex a second nation-sized territorial entity, so that she will own two countries, while a neighbouring, full-sized ethnic group with legitimate national aspirations has no country at all.

A VISITING Canadian diplomat, after a trip, at her request, Green Line (the 1967 border), she had packed a lunch in read for the journey and had had no that the Line was a morning's on foot from her seashore hotel.

The Israeli refusal to negotiate with the PLO because it spells surrender of that minimal security that this country needs to survive. Israel recognizes legitimate rights of the Palestinian to one Arab state within the bay historic Palestine, not two. A our vigilant accusers do not we hear. Where we say one State, asking of the Jordan kingdom, (if peace negotiations successful) sizeable chunks a West Bank; they hear no State.

Israel's readiness to bring its tier back from the Jordan River the foothills of the West Bank stone's throw away from the would amount to a major concession involving serious risks for the country's security. But to withdraw the way to Kfar Sava, and if Arafat creates a second Palestinian state in the Jordan Valley, that means to lay the ground for possible dissolution of the Jewish republic; which is something the republic's inhabitants — all intransigent, if you will — are prepared to stomach.

The foreign commentators believe that we should accept the same. Well and good, they're right in their opinion. But should, in all fairness, give the reasons behind their conclusion that it suits the outside power better up Arab susceptibilities that Israel weighs very little balance of international strategy. They should not dress up Realpolitik in the garb of morality. To depict the Zionist as an expansionist regime, like grabbing by military force than its share of the earth's sun — that is to distort the facts, desire to put a nobler, purer gloss on the commentators' Machiavelli reasoning is not a justifiable bending the truth.

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